HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE
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1. **Upcoming Event:**
   a. BRAC Business Initiative In Progress Review (IPR) # 4
      i. Date: 13 January, 8 AM to 10 AM
      ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
      Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610
      iii. Agenda:
         - Major Defense Contractor Presentation
         - In Progress Review
         - Networking Between BBI Partners before and after the presentations

2. **Discussion:**
   a. **Help!** Our BBI Team needs the services of a volunteer who has relevant experience and savvy in the Defense Contracting business. Time is negotiable, salary is not! Contact Kent if you have the interest.
   b. **Cyber Security Task Force:**
      i. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence announced today the formation of a bipartisan task force on cyber security. Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) will serve as members of the task force, and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) will serve as task force chair. The task force will evaluate cyber threats to the United States and issue recommendations to the U.S. intelligence community as appropriate. The task force will complete its work by June 2010.
      ii. "Cyber security is a growing national security threat, and one I take very seriously," Senator Mikulski said. "As a member of this new Senate Cyber Security Task Force, I will be working with my colleagues to provide guidance on how to better coordinate our defenses against the complex and evolving attacks by hackers and cyber spies that our nation faces each day. Cyber security has been of growing concern to me and my constituents since the devastating cyber attacks against Estonia two years ago. I look forward to continuing to work on this important issue."
   c. BWI Business Partnership Meeting:
      At the Partnership meeting on 9 December, Senator Mikulski described how Team Maryland was working hard to bring Cyber Command to Maryland. She stated that if the subject command came to MD, it could bring up to 15,000 jobs, both federal and contractor. More will follow on this topic.
   d. Consequences of Fort Meade Growth:
      i. Today, about 90% of Fort Meade workers drive to work, with an average commute of about 20 miles. Following this pattern, the 22,000 new jobs coming to Fort Meade will generate serious traffic congestion in and around the installation. We will see increasing delays on MD-32, MD-295, MD 198 and MD-175 beginning in mid-2010 and continuing through 2020. Traffic diverting from this impact point will affect other nearby highways and intersections as well.
      ii. We knew early in the BRAC process that there would not be sufficient Federal / State funding for the necessary highway improvements. Therefore, we are going to have to initally think our way through this challenge. The "think vehicle" will be Transportation Demand Management (TMD). Simply put, more people in fewer vehicles, through the use of busses, van pools, car pools, telecommuting and more. The Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee's Transportation Committee is working this issue.

3. **CYBER BITS:**
   …."Allegations that China is behind, or likely behind, cyberattacks or cyber espionage against the United States are more frequent and more sensational, "said Wang Baodong, the spokesman at the Chinese Embassy in Washington. "Such accusations are unwarranted, irresponsible and misleading and intentionally fabricated to fan China threat sensations……." Ellen Nakashima and John Pomfret, Washington Post, 11 November 2009